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officer or officers, with the necessary staff, to ascertain this extent and furnish the Government an estimate of the cost of bringing these lands under cultivation?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" (a) Figures for fasli 1347 are not yet available.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) A scheme designed to give effect to Government's policy of assigning land to the landless poor is under consideration. In that connexion the question of what land can be brought under cultivation with increased irigation facilities will be investigated by the Government. The suggestion of the hon. Member for the appointment of an officer or officers with the necessary staff will also be considered by the Government at the proper time."

Panchayats and withdrawal of powers to supersede them from the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

* 69 Q.—SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to place on the table of this House a statement showing the names of the Panchayats superseded from 15th July 1937 up to the date of the withdrawal of the power to supersede the Panchayats from the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils, with the following particulars districtwar:—

(a) date of the order of supersession; and

(b) by whom the supersession was ordered, i.e., whether by the Government or by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" (a) & (b) A statement [a] containing the required information is placed on the table."

Alleged attack of the Police on the premises of the East Godavari District School of Economics and Politics.

* 70 Q.—SRI D. SRIRAMAMURTI: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 24th July, the premises of the East Godavari District School of Economics and Politics at Rajahmundry were attacked by the police;

(b) whether the said attack was under the orders of Government, or of the superior officer of the district; and

(c) what the necessity was for the attack on the school?

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR :—" (*a*) No. There was no attack on the premises by the Police.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether there was entry into the premises, if not an attack? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR :—" There was no entry; you can call it by any name you like; there was enquiry."

Alleged watching of the Police of the movements of an accused in the Cocanada bomb case.

* 71 *Q.*—SRI D. SRIRAMAMURTI: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state why the police are still watching the movements of Kakarala Kameswara Sastry—First accused in the Cocanada bomb case?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR :—" The Government regret that they must decline in the public interest to answer the question."

Administration of various ports under the control of the Local Government.

* 71-A *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased—

(*a*) to place before the House a statement showing—

(1) the various ports under the management of the Provincial Government;

(2) by what body each is administered and under what legislative enactment, and if under an Indian Act, from what date;

(3) the income and expenditure for two years ending 31st March 1937 and for the year ending 31st March 1938 (if figures are available) of each of the ports;

(4) the net saving in the case of each of the ports and for all ports for the years mentioned; and to state

(*b*) whether Government, in the interests of the public, have enquired and ascertained the wants and needs of the public in the case of the several ports, as to the following:—

(i) sheds for the embarking and landing of passengers;

(ii) wharfs and landing places;

(iii) signal posts for signalling the sighting of vessels coming into the port from a distance or the departure of vessels from a neighbouring port and other facilities for the convenience and comforts of passengers; and